



CITY OF ORLAND STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: October 6, 2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Justin Chaney, Interim City Manager

SUBJECT: Community Visioning Discussion - "What's Next for Orland?" (Discussion Only)

BACKGROUND:

The City of Orland is preparing to welcome a new City Manager in late October or early November. This transition provides an opportunity for the City Council, staff and community to discuss ideas for Orland's future and to identify projects, programs and improvements that residents would like the incoming City Manager to explore.

The City will continue to address its ongoing responsibilities, including annual budgets, infrastructure, public safety, service delivery and long-term financial sustainability. This agenda item is intentionally different. The purpose is to create a positive, forward-looking community conversation focused on ideas and possibilities rather than immediate funding or implementation decisions.

ANALYSIS:

Staff recommends that the Council invite residents, business owners, community organizations and other stakeholders to share ideas in response to a simple question: "What would make Orland an even better place to live, work, raise a family, do business and visit?"

Suggestions do not need to be fully developed or currently funded. The discussion is intended to generate ideas first, with feasibility, cost, staffing, grants, partnerships and timing evaluated later if the Council wishes to pursue a particular concept.

Ideas may include, but are not limited to:

- Parks, recreation, trails, playgrounds, sports facilities or community gathering spaces;
- Downtown improvements, beautification, landscaping, lighting or public art;
- Community events, festivals, concerts, markets or family activities;
- Economic development ideas and ways to support or attract businesses and employers;

- Activities and opportunities for youth, families and seniors;
- Street, sidewalk, bicycle, pedestrian, signage or community gateway improvements;
- Ways to celebrate Orland's history, agriculture and small-town character;
- Projects or programs that could attract visitors or strengthen community pride; and
- New ideas or "big ideas" that the City has not previously considered.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no direct fiscal impact associated with receiving community input and conducting this discussion. Individual projects or programs suggested during the meeting may have future fiscal impacts. Any proposal advanced for further consideration would require separate evaluation of capital costs, ongoing operating and maintenance costs, staffing impacts, available funding, grants and partnership opportunities.

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive public input and conduct an open discussion regarding ideas, projects, programs, improvements and community priorities that residents would like the City Council and incoming City Manager to consider. No formal action is requested at this time.